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C O N F I D E N T I A L MONROVIA 1817

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, CVIS (OKOTH, YONA)

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR US VISA BY UGANDAN ANGLICAN BISHOP YONA OKOTH

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY RIGHT REV. YONA OKOTH, B. 1927, MALANDA, UGANDA, BISHOP OF THE (ANGLICAN) CHURCH OF UGANDA, CONCERNING EVENTUAL RESIDENCE IN US. OKOTH INFORMED EMBOFF THAT HE HAD ESCAPED FROM UGANDA AFTER MEETING WITH PRESIDENT AMIN. AT MEETING AMIN DISMISSED SUMMONED CHURCHMEN EXCEPT MOST REV. JANANI LUWUN, AND AT THIS POINT, OKOTH DECIDED TO FLEE TO KENYA. OKOTH INFORMED EMBOFF THAT ONCE IN KENYA HE WAS ASSISTED BY LIBERIAN CHURCH AUTHORITIES TO MAKE TRIP TO MONROVIA TO STAY OUT OF REACH OF POSSIBLE RETALIATION BY AMIN'S AGENTS. OKOTH STATES HE AND HIS FAMILY HAVE KENYAN TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION. OKOTH ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE, JESSICA, AND CHILDREN: SAMUEL, B. 1952, JENNIFER B. 1954, ANDREW, B. 1956, LEONARD B. 1958, SARAH B. 1960 AND ABBEY, B. 1963.

2. OKOTH IS IN LIBERIA UNDER AUSPICES OF AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOAL CHURCH (AME). AME BISHOP GEORGE BROWN INFORMS EMBASSY THAT THROUGH CHURCH CONNECTIONS IN NY HE IS SEEKING CHURCH POSTING FOR OKOTH IN U.S., TO MAKE HIM ELIGIBLE FOR SD-1 VISA. OLDER CHILDREN HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SEEKING FURTHER STUDIES IN U.S. OKOTH STATES THAT HE IS EAGER TO

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DEPART AFRICAN CONTINENT AND PUT AS MUCH DISTANCE AS POSSIBLE BETWEEN HIMSELF AND AMIN AND PARTICULARLY "AMIN'S PALESTINIAN SECURITY AGENTS."

3. COMMENT: UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO PROCESS OKOTH FAMILY IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING VISA PROCEDURES.

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